

STOP THE SALE



SAVE OPEN SPACE

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DEADLINE - OCTOBER 17TH

Homer Glen - Lockport - Homer Township

**TELL HOMER TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS
NOT TO SELL YOUR OPEN SPACE!**

Homer Township Taxpayers **paid \$8 million dollars** for Open Space and the
Homer Township officials want to **sell it without even asking us!**

Homer Township officials have:

- Hidden their intentions to sell Open Space Lands from the public for a year.
- Never said they wanted to sell Open Space Lands at their board meetings, or at the special meeting they had last October.
- Never called for a workshop or put the issue on the ballot for residents to vote on as the last administration did to ask people if they could just build a pole barn on the Trantina Farm.
- Never included it in the four color newsletter they mailed to all of us where they had a full page on their plans for an Event Center on Trantina Farm but never said they were going to sell off two other farms, totaling 140 acres, and use those funds to build it.
- Never said at the meeting just a couple weeks ago that they **did include the Welter Farm** in Homer Glen, as a property they could sell. They only told the public they **will sell the Purdy Farm and the Paul Farm.**
- Negotiated **to sell portions of the Paul Farm** to adjacent landowners and possibly will make the same deal **to sell portions of the Welter Farm** which could be enough to put its status as Open Space at risk.
- They had a year to let people know what they wanted to do and they chose to stay silent as only one Trustee even asked any questions about the sale.
- They have disbanded the committees where the public may have learned their intentions. As Supervisor Balich has said. He does not want any committees because he does not want people to know what plans he is making. As a result, there are no minutes and that was done on purpose so residents won't know what is being planned.
- All negotiations and discussion are occurring in private.

What Homer Township officials are doing is wrong!

They have deliberately obscured from the tax payers their intentions to sell Open Space Lands.

For a thorough explanation and timeline go to:

www.homeropenspace.com and click on the tab **"STOP THE SALE!"**

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Call, leave a message, email and mail a letter to the following individuals. Tell them you do not want them to sell any of the Open Space. (If this contact information changes you can lookup the information they publicly provide at <https://homertownship.com/>, under the "Homer Township" tab drop down to "Directory" or "Officials".)

Steve Balich, Homer Township Supervisor

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CELL: 815-557-7196

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Mike Bonomo, Homer Township Trustee

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CELL: prefers email or call to office number

EMAIL: bonomoht@gmail.com

Mark Gawron, Homer Township Trustee

OFFICE: 708-301-0522

CELL: 815-953-2836

EMAIL: mgawron1@comcast.net

Matt Connelly, Homer Township Trustee

OFFICE: 708-301-0522

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Rob Rivera, Homer Township Trustee

OFFICE: 708-301-0522

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EMAIL: httrustee.rivera@gmail.com

COME TO THE NEXT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, this will most likely be the public's only chance to have any say at all in the sale of the Open Space properties. Bring others and before the meeting sign up to speak during the public comment section. Each person has 3 minutes to speak. Let them hear from the public!

Homer Township Administrative Office (entrance is on the West side of building).

Date: Monday, October 17, 2022 Time: 7 p.m.

Location: 14350 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491

At this meeting the Township Officials will open the bids they get and will likely take-action to pick who they will sell the land to. They said at their meeting they can pick whomever they want. They have not required that it go to the highest bidder. They may go into executive session at some point, it is unclear exactly how the process will go. If that is the case we may have to wait until they come out of executive session to learn more about who they will sell the properties to. They will likely try to keep as much information as possible secreted away in executive session if they can but the state statute may make the whole process and their deliberations public.

People from all political parties do not want to see Open Space Sold or Developed.

This is a Non-Partisan issue.

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